

Mayor Cline called the work study caucus session to order at 6:31 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The following Council members physically attended: Mayor Cline, Commissioners Randy Ervin, Rick Hall, Joe McKenzie, and David Schilling.

Also physically present were City personnel: City Administrator Alan Gilmore, Attorney & Treasurer J. Preston Owen, Public Works Director David Wortman, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Jim Lang, Police Chief David Griffith, Fire Chief Mike Chism, Community Development Coordinator Kyle Gill, and City Clerk Susan O'Brien.

Administrator Gilmore reviewed the Council agenda items and called for questions or discussion. Council inquired as to company providing the destratifiers and the necessity of destratifiers. Director Wortman stated the company was different from the water tower purchase and was part of the Clean Lakes Project. Superintendent Lang described the purpose, the need, the life expectancy, the mobility of the destratifiers. Mr. Brad Metcalf inquired as to the dam at Lake Mattoon. Director Wortman stated the dam was inspected and repair is included in the five-year capital improvement projects of the Water Fund.

Administrator Gilmore reviewed the six month process of the mural project at the Mall and stated funds from the Broadway East Business District tax, which are to be expended for projects in the business district, were to be used for the project. Council with attendees discussed the Broadway East Business District and possible project.

Mayor Cline opened the regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chambers at City Hall on December 16, 2008 at 6:56 p.m.

Mayor Cline presiding.

Mayor Cline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members of the Council answered roll call physically present: YEA Commissioner Randy Ervin, YEA Commissioner Rick Hall, YEA Commissioner Joe McKenzie, YEA Commissioner David Schilling, YEA Mayor David Cline.

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Mayor Cline seconded by Commissioner Schilling moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes of the regular meeting December 2, 2008 and special meeting December 9, 2008; Fire department for the month of November, 2008 and Fire and Police Pension reports as of November 2008; payroll and bills for the first half of December, 2008.

Mayor Cline declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Ervin, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner McKenzie, YEA Commissioner Schilling, YEA Mayor Cline.

Mayor Cline opened the floor for presentations, petitions and communications.

Mrs. Jackie Record described the Christmas event at the Depot, including a visit from Santa, noted the vandalism and cleanup prior to the event, and requested additional patrol or security cameras for the Depot. Director

Wortman stated the Council desired to wait until the new construction was complete before installing the cameras. Council discussed the cameras and renovation. Administrator Gilmore updated the Council on the Depot project and his attendance at the Illini Rail Coalition meeting.

Administrator Gilmore informed the Council on a proposed Federal Economic Stimulus Package consisting of five projects which is scheduled to be considered at the January 6, 2009 Council meeting.

Mr. Bob Leonard inquired as to the sale of property at Lake Paradise. Director Wortman stated during the first round of sales the plat and ground was to be prepared for sale with the initial concentration on the east side.

Council Decision Request 2008-920 was pulled from the agenda.

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner McKenzie moved to approve Council Decision Request 2008-921, authorizing the purchase of two destratifiers for Lake Paradise in the amount of \$70,800 from E. C. Baker & Sons of Sigel.

Mayor Cline opened the floor for questions or comments. No questions or comments.

Mayor Cline declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Ervin, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner McKenzie, YEA Commissioner Schilling, YEA Mayor Cline.

Commissioner Schilling seconded by Commissioner Ervin moved to approve Council Decision Request 2008-922, approving the recommendation of the Mattoon TIF & BD Incentive Review Committee for a mural project at the Cross County Mall facility funded through the Broadway Ave. East Business District.

Mayor Cline opened the floor for questions or comments. Mr. Herb Meeker of the Journal Gazette inquired as to a final design with Administrator Gilmore responding with no commitment. Council discussed the committee and possible historical representations.

Mayor Cline declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Ervin, NAY Commissioner Hall, NAY Commissioner McKenzie, YEA Commissioner Schilling, YEA Mayor Cline.

Commissioner Schilling seconded by Commissioner Ervin moved to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.

Mayor Cline declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Ervin, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner McKenzie, YEA Commissioner Schilling, YEA Mayor Cline.

/s/ Susan J. O'Brien
City Clerk